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ARTICLE X. DISPUTES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all disputes concerning questions of fact which may arise under this contract, or disputes which may arise under the specifications attached hereto, and which are not disposed of by mutual agreement, shall be decided by the Contracting Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor may appeal by mailing or otherwise furnishing to the Contracting Officer a written appeal, for transmittal to the head of his department or agency, and the decision of such head or his duly authorized representative for the hearing of such appeals shall be final and conclusive; Provided, That if no such appeal is taken, the decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision. Any sum or sums allowed to the Contractor under the provisions of this Article shall be paid by the Government as part of the cost of the articles or work herein contracted for and shall be deemed to be within the contemplation of this contract.